

## Red Mangrove Life Cycle

The Red mangrove life cycle steps and pictures below are in the wrong order! Cut out each square (along the dotted lines) and put them in order. Each mangrove picture has a matching life cycle step to go with it. Glue each life cycle step and picture, in order, onto the chart on the second page.

Since the propagule has already germinated while being attached to the parent plant, it is ready to begin growing immediately! It starts off as a small individual plant but quickly grow to look



Once the propagules have fully developed, they drop from the parent plant and float away with the current to start a new plant.



Adult red mangroves are usually found in large groups near the shore. They have long, rounded roots called "prop roots" This plant gets their nickname "walking trees" from the way their roots grow. A healthy adult mangrove is needed to make new mangroves!



After yellow flowers have grown, they produce very small mangrove plants called propagules. Propagules are very similar to seeds. The main difference between the two is that propagules are ready to grow even when they are attached to the parent plant.



Adult mangrove trees first produce small, yellow flowers. These flowers are the first thing that grows from a mangrove plant.

Finally, a new, small mangrove plant has grown and will repeat the process again.



<b>Step:</b>	<b>Life Cycle Pictures:</b>	<b>Life Cycle Step Description:</b>
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<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b>		
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